VII. EDUCATION.—(*Continued*).

125. Provision of better educational facilities to the Araya community and the establishment of a Lower Grade Secondary School at Alappad in the Karunagappalli taluk.

Mr. K. Velayudha Panikkan. (Member, Nominated) said that the Araya community was backward in point of education. Regarding the establishment of a special English school at Alappad, the Member said that a plan of the site for the building, called for from the Assistant Inspector's Office, was sent to that officer last Karkadagam and that nothing further was known about it. He prayed that the matter be expedited and the school established from the beginning of the next school year.

He added that the establishment of a few Technical schools was very necessary to help them in their professional knowledge and prayed that the request might be granted.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

126. Education of the Parayas.

Mr. Kandan Kumaran (Member, Nominated) submitted that his community experienced great difficulties in the matter of education and that the Government should redress their grievances. In regard to the Paraya student, Kumaran Sankaran, who was studying in the sixth class in the H. G. E. School at Tiruvalla, the Member said that there was every likelihood of his passing the current year's examination and he prayed that he might be admitted into the Chengannur English school next year and given enhanced scholarship.

The community was unable to find means to purchase text-books, paper, pencil, etc., for their school-children. The Member requested that encouragement be given to such pupils by the Government by the grant of scholarships. He suggested that scholarships be given, for a term of years, to at least one pupil from each taluk. Arrangements should also be made to teach agricultural and industrial subjects along with the literary education.

The establishment of an Elementary school at Marankulam in the Tiruvalla taluk was prayed for at the last session of the Assembly. The proposed school would benefit the school-going population of about 12 *karas*, besides being a boon to the classes backward in education, such as the Parayas, Pulayas, Kuravans, Mahomedans, etc. He prayed that the school be started as early as possible.

There were 52 schools managed by the Member's community in the taluks of Kunnathur, Chengannur, Tiruvalla, Changanacherry, Peermade, Mavelikara, Karunagappalli and Ambalapuzha. Of the teachers in those schools, 46 were Parayas, 3 Ezhavas, 2 Nairs and 1 Christian. The Member prayed that suitable grants might be sanctioned in aid of those institutions and the teachers also confirmed.

At present, Paraya pupils were required to pay half the prescribed fees. As the community was extremely poor, the Member prayed that the Paraya pupils be wholly exempted from payment of fees.

Lastly, the Member prayed that the *poramboke* land, 28 cents in extent and comprised in Survey No. 385/5 in the Tiruvalla *pakuthi*, be granted for erecting a building for the social purposes of the whole community.

Dewan's reply.—The question of granting financial help to the Paraya boy, Kumaran Sankaran, for his English education, will be considered after he passes his examination in the sixth class. The other points are noted.

127. Education of the Pulayas.

Mr. Kurumban Daivathan (Member, Nominated) referred to the unsympathetic treatment of Headmasters of certain schools in not giving admission to Pulaya boys in their schools and suggested that orders be issued to the Headmasters of all schools open to Pulaya boys, to have at least one Pulaya boy admitted in each school.

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